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Prior Application Art Unit: 1732
Prior Application Examiner: Vargot, M.

SIR: This is a request for filing a

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☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☒ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/365,231, filed July 30, 1999, of Renato CARETTA et al., for A PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING, MOULDING AND CURING TYRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application, including the drawings, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/365,231, as originally filed on July 30, 1999.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
3. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
4. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	11	-	20	0	x \$18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$84	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$280	\$0.00
Subtotal						\$ 740.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity					-	\$0.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 740.00

5. ☒ A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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6. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or to credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application, to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
7. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:
- This is a ☐ continuation ☐ division of application Serial No.[Text], filed [Date] **[LIST ALL PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS IN CHAIN INCLUDING ANY PRIOR PCT APPLICATIONS, and their status], [and claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/[Text], filed [Date],] [all of which are] [which is] incorporated herein by reference.**
8. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: PIRELLI PNEUMATICI S.p.A.
10. ☒ Priority of patent application Serial No. 98830473.9, filed July 31, 1998, in the European Patent Office, and patent application No. 98830696.5, filed November 20, 1998, in the European Patent Office, are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy of each
- ☐ is enclosed or ☒ is on file in the prior application.
11. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status
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12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilley, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg. No. 28,619; Charles E. Lipsey, Reg. No. 28,165; Thomas W. Winland, Reg. No. 27,605; Basil J. Lewis, Reg. No. 28,818; Martin I. Fuchs, Reg. No. 28,508; E. Robert Yoches, Reg. No. 30,120; Barry W. Graham, Reg. No. 29,924; Susan Haberman Griffen, Reg.

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13. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
14. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
15. ☒ Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852.**
16. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney: _____
17. ☐ Also enclosed is _____

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, Serial No. 09/365,231, filed July 30, 1999, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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